

I submit it whether it would not be better to form my company into two and make
them sixty eight now born officers, privates, with the proper born officers If
you should approve of this arrangement, I would take the Liberty to recom-
mend to your notice, two young Gent. who have entered cadets in my company
and who will fill (in my opinion) it very well the stations of third Lieutenants
I have stationed half my company at the mouth of Patuxent, and half (as soon as
quarters can be got) will be stationed at the mouth of Patomas, this will put
it out of the power of Mr. Ford, to provide for them - I have therefore contracted
for a considerable quantity of Pork and Bread which will serve the men on Pa-
tuxent a month or more, and Mr. Neal goes off directly to the mouth of Patomas
to get Provisions and quarters for the troops there - As the exigency of affairs would
not permit me to consult you I have in every step that I have yet taken con-
sulted the principal Gent. of the place who have unanimously agreed to the steps
that I have taken - but if they are judged by you to be improper I beg to be immediately
advised and you may rely that every order from you shall be strictly complied
with: - I mentioned in my last the necessity of having a horse for expenses
and any other uses, I now see the necessity more than ever, the hiring of horses
is attended with great delay, and frequently not to be got, I therefore request that you
will let me purchase one I know the public will be advantaged by it - I also men-
tioned to you the necessity of having two drummers and Fifers, indeed little can be
done without them I beg you will allow Mr. Steward to get them at any rate
if purchased they are the servants of the public and their wages (if they live) will
soon pay for them, the times as such that I hope you will not stand for trifles
Cartridge paper is indispensibly necessary I beg we may have some permission
to press you to consider the naked situation of the County and to request that
Mr. Steward may be allowed to look out for arms &c. The money you ordered
me is all expended and the people not yet supplied or near it with clothes
& Blankets, I beg you will send me a sum of money immediately, the purchase
of Provisions clothes &c exclusive of the money already received will take at
least between two & three hundred pounds - I hope I may not be stinted for I have
but little Cash of my own indeed what I have has been expended in the service
and the public is now considerably in my debt - The men are allowed rum & Mrs-
lasses neither of which articles can be got here, I wish some method could be
fallen upon to get us some - If you think proper to form two companies I hope
the Gent. now in my company will not be overlooked they will deserve your notice
and the two young Gent. Cadets - their names are Robert Chesley and Henry Carbe-
ny - For any particulars Mr. Steward will wait on you to give you any necessa-
ry informations - I am Gent. Your most obedt. humble servt.

Jm. A. Thomas.

To the Honble the Council of Safety of Maryland. -

Sir I left the Council of Safety yesterday in the afternoon after the man of war the
Sanders had passed the mouth of our River, if any place is in danger of an im-
mediate attack I think it will be the Town of Baltimore and on talking with them

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